

Travel Reimbursement Information

1. The following rate policy is to be applied for reimbursing the travel expenses of persons under contract. *The terms "contract" and/or "subcontract" have the same meaning as "grantee" and/or "subgrantee" where applicable.*
 - a. Reimbursement for travel and/or per diem shall be at the rates established for nonrepresented/excluded state employees. *Exceptions to DPA lodging rates may be approved by DHS upon the receipt of a statement on/with an invoice indicating that such rates are not available.*
 - b. Short Term Travel is defined as a 24-hour period, and less than 31 consecutive days, and is at least 50 miles from the main office, headquarters or primary residence. Starting time is whenever a contract or subcontract employee leaves his or her home or headquarters. "Headquarters" is defined as the place where the contracted personnel spends the largest portion of their working time and returns to upon the completion of assignments. *Headquarters may be individually established for each traveler and approved verbally by the program funding the agreement. Verbal approval shall be followed up in writing or email.*
 - c. Contractors on travel status for more than one 24-hour period and less than 31 consecutive days may claim a fractional part of a period of more than 24 hours. Consult the chart appearing on page 2 of this exhibit to determine the reimbursement allowance. All lodging must be receipted. If contractor does not present receipts, lodging will not be reimbursed.

(1) Lodging (with receipts):

Travel Location / Area	Reimbursement Rate
Statewide (excluding the counties identified below)	\$ 84.00 plus tax
Counties of Los Angeles and San Diego	\$110.00 plus tax
Counties of Alameda, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara	\$140.00 plus tax

Reimbursement for actual lodging expenses exceeding the above amounts may be allowed with the advance approval of the Deputy Director of the Department of Health Service or his or her designee. Receipts are required. *Receipts from Internet lodging reservation services such as Priceline.com, which require prepayment to that service, ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE LODGING RECEIPTS and are not reimbursable without a valid lodging receipt from a lodging establishment.*

- (2) Meal/Supplemental Expenses (with or without receipts): With receipts, the contractor will be reimbursed actual amounts spent up to the maximum for each full 24-hour period of travel.

Meal / Expense	Reimbursement Rate
Breakfast	\$ 6.00
Lunch	\$ 10.00
Dinner	\$ 18.00
Incidental expenses	\$ 6.00

- d. Out-of-state travel may only be reimbursed if such travel *is necessitated by the scope or statement of work* and has been approved in advance by the program with which the contract is held. For out-of-state travel, contractors may be reimbursed actual lodging expenses, supported by a receipt, and may be reimbursed for meals and supplemental expenses for each 24-hour period computed at the rates listed in c. (2) above. For all out-of-state travel, contractors/subcontractors must have prior *DHS written or verbal approval. Verbal approval shall be confirmed in writing (email or memo).*
- e. In computing allowances for continuous periods of travel of less than 24 hours, consult the chart appearing on page 2 of this exhibit.
- f. No meal or lodging expenses will be reimbursed for any period of travel that occurs within normal working hours, unless expenses are incurred at least 50 miles from headquarters.